

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Boddupalli et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1618

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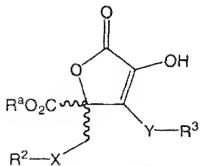
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-responsive Amendment, dated 10 April 2009. Applicants previously elected dermatitis as a species of disease from Group (a), however, did not request a compound as requested. While Applicants elected, "a species of furanone of Formula I or III consisting of claims 3-4 and 7" it was noted that there was no specific election made with respect to a species compound. Applicants hereby request the following specific compound to be searched for the elected invention.



Formula I / 103

X and Y = S (sulfur atom)

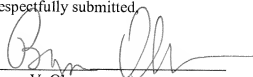
R3 = C(O)OR where R is H (hydrogen) or lower alkyl

R2 and R3 can be the same or different and are preferably selected from: optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted heterocyclic, and optionally substituted benzylic.

The example compounds on pages 99-100 exemplify the Markush above.

Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time. Please charge deposit account 13-4125 in the amount of \$130.00. Applicants hereby request Examiner to charge any additional fees necessary or refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4125.

Respectfully submitted,



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